Distribution of resources from Central pool

2530. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stipulation for distribution of resources from the Central pool are proposed to be changed to make the States more responsive to central fiscal deficits, reduce population and enhance its own share of revenues;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that such change would entail lesser funds for politically crucial States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Uttaranchal and Jharkhand; and

(c) if so, the reasons for making such changes which are likely to have adverse effect on the interests of certain States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B ALAS AHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

VRS in PNB and Canara Bank

2531. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of employees in each cadre in Punjab National Bank and Canara Bank who have opted for Voluntary Retirement Scheme during the current year;

(b) how" many of them have actually retired under that scheme in those Banks;

(c) whether resultant vacancies have since been filled up; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) remained open in Punjab National Bank form 1.11.2000 to 30.11.2000 and in Canara Bank from 1.1.2001 to 31.1.2001. Details of the application received and the employees relieved under the scheme are as follows:—

	PNB	Canara Bank
Applications Received:		
Officers	2900	4229
Clerks	2357	3507
Sub Staff	838	308
TOTAL	6095	8044
No. of Employees Relieved:		
Officers	2775	4009
Clerks	2319	3452
Sub Staff	824	293
TOTAL	5918	7754

(c) and (d) The banks have not filled up the resultant vacancies by fresh recruitment. However, cadre-wise adjustments have been made by these banks through internal promotions.

Fraud in exports to Dubai

2532. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export fraud to Dubai worth Rs. 430 crore has recently been detected by the investigating agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the public sector banks who are involved in this fraud alongwith the names of senior officials of banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government has ordered investigations into certain fraudulent exports effected to Russia under Drawback claims where the consignments were offloaded enroute at Dubai, the investigations are in progress.

Rising bad loans

2533. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALAPANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: